

Fly Iowa 2016 to be hosted at Clinton Municipal Airport

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CLINTON — The Clinton County Municipal Airport will become one of the busiest in the state for one day later this year.

The local airport will be hosting Fly Iowa, with a Space County, USA theme to celebrate the county's history in aerospace and aviation.

The free event will take place on Sept. 24, 2016 at the airport.

Michael Nass, airport manager, gave a presentation Wednesday to the Clinton County Development Association to talk about a special grant request.

"We've looked into it for several years knowing we wanted to have it in Clinton but we've always had runway construction or taxi-way construction and now we felt it was a good time to do it since we have a good terminal building and a good hangar building thanks to funding from the CCDA as well," he said.

The airport was selected by the Iowa Aviation Promotion Group, a non-profit that coordinates the annual event.

Nass went over the potential budget for the event, which includes \$10,000 already secured through a \$5,000 match from the IPAG. The total expected costs for the event are around \$76,000, with the bulk of that covering performer fees. The breakdown includes fixed costs of around \$16,000 that include items such as insurance, marketing materials, announcer and bathrooms, performer appearance fees of \$50,700 and \$8,000 in variable transportation, lodging and fuel fees.

Nass said the event is a good way to get people involved in the airport and educate them about the airport as well.

The CCDA formed a committee to discuss the idea and then report back to the board. The group also will be seeking private sponsorship to cover the event costs.

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